

## Coast Guard, DHS

## § 12.607

### § 12.605 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as ratings forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW).

(a) To qualify for endorsement as an RFPNW on a seagoing vessel of 500 GT or more, an applicant must—

- (1) Be not less than 16 years of age;
- (2) Provide evidence of service as follows:

- (i) Six months of seagoing service, which includes training and experience associated with navigational watchkeeping functions and involves the performance of duties carried out under the supervision of the master, mate, or qualified STCW deck rating; or

- (ii) Proof of successful completion of Coast Guard-approved or -accepted training, which includes not less than 2 months of approved seagoing service; and

- (3) Provide evidence of meeting standards of competence prescribed in Table A-II/4 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see § 12.103 of this part).

(b) The Coast Guard may exempt an applicant from meeting any individual knowledge, understanding, and proficiency required in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code. These exemptions must be approved by the Coast Guard based upon vessel type. Under these circumstances, the endorsement may include a corresponding limitation.

(c) Seafarers with the following national rating endorsements will be eligible for this endorsement upon completion of requirements designated in this section:

TABLE 1 TO § 12.605(c)—STCW ENDORSEMENT AS RFPNW

Entry path from national endorsements	Sea service under authority of the endorsement <sup>1</sup>	Competence—STCW Table A-II/4 <sup>2</sup>
A/B unlimited .....	None .....	Y
A/B limited .....	None .....	Y
A/B special .....	None .....	Y
A/B-offshore supply vessels	None .....	Y
A/B sail .....	None .....	Y
A/B-fishing industry .....	None .....	Y
Ordinary seaman .....	6 mo. <sup>3</sup> .....	Y

<sup>1</sup> This column provides the minimum additional service required of the seafarer in order to meet the requirements of this section.

<sup>2</sup> Complete any items in paragraph (a)(3) of this section not previously satisfied.

<sup>3</sup> The service may be reduced to 2 months if training has been completed as part of an approved training program meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section.

### § 12.607 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as rating as able seafarer-engine.

(a) To qualify for an STCW endorsement as an able seafarer-engine, an applicant must—

- (1) Be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) Meet the requirements for certification as a ratings forming part of an engineering watch (RFPEW);

- (3) While qualified as an RFPEW, have seagoing service in the engine department of—

- (i) Not less than 12 months; or
- (ii) Not less than 6 months and have completed approved training; and

- (4) Provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Table A-III/5 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see § 12.103 of this part).

(b) Until January 1, 2017, seafarers will be considered to have met the requirements of this section if they have served as a watchstanding Qualified Member of the Engine Department (QMED), junior engineer, oiler, fireman/watertender, deck-engine mechanic, or engineman in the engine department, or as an RFPEW for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months prior to application.

(c) Seafarers holding a rating endorsement as QMED, junior engineer, electrician or electrician/refrigerating engineer, pumpman or pumpman/machinist, refrigerating engineer, or machinist before January 1, 2017, will be eligible for this endorsement upon showing evidence of holding an endorsement as an RFPEW.

(d) The Coast Guard may exempt an applicant from meeting any individual knowledge, understanding, and proficiency required in Section A-III/5 of the STCW Code. These exemptions must be approved by the Coast Guard based upon vessel type. Under these circumstances, the endorsement may include a corresponding limitation.

(e) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, seafarers with the following national rating endorsements will be eligible for this endorsement upon completion of requirements designated in this section: